



Medi-Cal Rx

Diabetic Test Strips and Lancets: Updates to the Code I Diagnosis and Quantity Limit Restrictions

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Background

Medi-Cal Rx has revised the Code I diagnosis and Quantity Limit (QL) restrictions as it pertains to diabetic test strips and lancets. Effective April 30, 2024, the Code I diagnosis requirement of diabetes has been removed from both diabetic test strips and lancets. In addition, a system change will occur to capture insulin use from historical claims data as it applies to the QL restrictions for these products.

What Pharmacy Providers Need to Know

Prescription documentation requirements pertaining to a Code I diagnosis of diabetes and insulin use will not be required on and after April 30, 2024. Medi-Cal Rx coverage of diabetic test strips and lancets is restricted to contracted products found on the [List of Contracted Diabetic Test Strips and Lancets](#), which can be found by visiting the [Forms & Information](#) page on the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Portal](#). Product addition or inclusion on the *List* does not guarantee supply or individual specific coverage. These products will be subject to QL restrictions as follows:

- A maximum of one per day of each product type (one blood glucose test strip or one lancet) for a member not using insulin and no pregnancy-related diagnosis; **or**
- A maximum of six per day of each product type (six blood glucose test strips or six lancets) for members meeting one of the following situations:
 - The member has historical paid claims data for insulin with Medi-Cal Rx.
 - **Note:** If the member is a new-start to insulin, pharmacy providers should submit the insulin claim first, then submit claims for diabetic test strips or lancets. This will ensure the claim is subject to the appropriate QL.
 - The member has a pregnancy-related diagnosis requiring blood glucose (BG) monitoring in their medical record with their medical benefit.
 - **Note:** Members with pregnancy-related diagnoses requiring BG monitoring may continue to receive a maximum of six per day of each product during the pregnancy and up to 12 months postpartum.
 - The pharmacy provider includes one of the following pregnancy-related diagnosis ICD-10 Codes at time of submitting diabetic test strips and lancet claims:

ICD-10 Code	Diagnosis
O09	Supervision of high-risk pregnancy
O10-O16	Edema, proteinuria, and hypertensive disorders in pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium
O20-O29	Other maternal disorders predominantly related to pregnancy
O99	Other maternal diseases classifiable elsewhere but complicating pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium
Z34	Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy

A prior authorization (PA) request establishing medical necessity is required for coverage considerations for claims submitted to Medi-Cal Rx for quantities exceeding the QL requirements as mentioned above.

Contact Information

You can call the Medi-Cal Rx Customer Service Center (CSC) at 1-800-977-2273, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year.

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